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Whereas, public and private lands are impacted by the spread of invasive species in Indiana;

Whereas, in recent years, Indiana has seen our natural lakes affected by invasive plants threatening the native flora and fauna and impacting recreational opportunities;

Whereas, Indiana forests are being exposed to an exotic insect, which places all species of ash trees in Indiana in imminent danger; and

Whereas, property owners all over Indiana, including agricultural landowners, are suffering invasions of plants and the subsequent need to eradicate these invasive species, such as bush honeysuckles (Amur, Tartarian and Morrow honeysuckles), on their lands: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

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1 SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to direct the
2 Natural Resource Study Committee (Committee) to study the impacts
3 of invasive species in Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the Committee, if so directed, shall establish a
5 task force to study the economic and environmental impacts of invasive
6 species in Indiana and provide findings and recommendations on
7 strategies for prevention, early detection, control and management of
8 invasive species to minimize these impacts.

9 SECTION 3. That the task force, if established, shall be composed
10 of the following members:

- 11 (1) the State Entomologist or his designee;
- 12 (2) the State Chemist or his designee;
- 13 (3) the Director of the Animal Board of Health or his
14 designee;
- 15 (4) the director of the Purdue Center for Crop Biosecurity and
16 Invasive Species or his designee;
- 17 (5) a representative of the nursery and landscape industry;
- 18 (6) a representative of a conservation group;
- 19 (7) a representative of a city park; and
- 20 (8) two (2) representatives from universities.

21 SECTION 4. That the task force shall issue reports and
22 recommendations to the Natural Resource Study Committee when it
23 first meets in 2008. The Natural Resource Study Committee shall then
24 issue a final report with recommendations back to the Legislative
25 Council by November 1, 2008.

